

Mr. SPEAKER.—According to Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I appoint the Hon'ble Minister for Law as the Chairman of the Committee, with the direction that the Select Committee submit its report on Wednesday the 22nd instant.

Appeal by the Minister for Law and Education in respect of the Development Loan floated by Government.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—Before taking up the Appropriation Bill, with the permission of the Chair, I want to appeal to the House and to the public about the Development Loan in a few words on behalf of the Government.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There are twenty minutes more. You should not exceed.....

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, I submitted the other day that we must have sufficient time to discuss this very important Bill—the Appropriation Bill. Unfortunately again, this Bill is likely to be taken at a very late hour. We have hardly twenty minutes and it is insufficient. Moreover, the Finance Minister is not here.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He will come in the meanwhile. He assured me that he will be coming.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—The time at our disposal is very little.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Appropriation Bill is now taken, there will not be sufficient time, and the discussion will have to be closed by 5 P.M. In fairness, I should suggest that this Bill may be taken up tomorrow.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It may be taken up as the first item on the agenda tomorrow, Sir.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, I had a talk with the Leader of the House with regard to our future programme....

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Leader of the House will announce it tomorrow, when we will come to a definite conclusion regarding our future programme.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—With the permission of the Chair, I make an appeal to the public regarding the Development Loan. This is the first loan floated in respect of the Five-Year Plan. Simultaneously, with the floating of the Mysore loan, both Madras and Bombay have floated loans. So far as the Mysore loan is concerned, the experience has been

Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA (Sagar-Hosanagar).—Is there a motion before this House?

Mr. SPEAKER.—No. Regarding the raising of the loan, the Minister is making an appeal. I have permitted it. This is not a subject for discussion.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—Will that statement be subject to discussion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—No.

Sri T. MARIAPPA (Mysore City-North).—Can we join the Hon'ble Minister in appealing to the country for subscribing to the loan? The Government will have the backing of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You may.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—So far, the experience of Mysore has been that in almost every loan, ninety per cent used to come from Madras and Bombay and Mysore used to contribute ten per cent. Now that Bombay and Madras have got their own loans, I do not think that we will have the same response that we used to have. Therefore, we want to make a special appeal to all the Members of this House and the public at large to make their level best to see that the loan becomes a success. Further, so far, the subscriptions, though I do not know the exact figures, have been coming all right and the response has been good. But it does require a

special effort on the part of all of us to show that Mysore can stand on her own legs even though we expect a similar measure of co-operation as before from the neighbouring States. I once again appeal to the public, to the Hon'ble Members of the House and to the Ministers to do their best to see that the loan becomes a success.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).—On a point of information, Sir. May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether it is true that no notification by the Government of India declaring this particular loan as an approved security within the meaning of the Insurance Act has been issued and that for this reason, the Insurance Companies, which otherwise were quite willing to make a contribution and subscribe to this loan, have been pleading their inability to do so? Is that a fact?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is a point on which I have to enquire and take the House into confidence. Just at present I have no information.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is the Hon'ble Minister in a position to tell us what is the position in regard to this loan today? How much of it has been subscribed?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I am not able to give any definite information. It is moving fairly well. That is what I am told. The Hon'ble Finance Minister himself would have come here and given you more particulars. He is just now coming. I do not know the figures and the exact position.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it not a fact that it has not been stated categorically that the 4 per cent income tax free loan, 1953—subject to correction—is going to be redeemed on the due date? Is that the correct position?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister and Minister for Finance).—I have already said, Sir, it is under consideration. Any discussion on

that subject at this stage would not be worthwhile because it is under consideration. I may also throw a hint that whatever was the understanding when the loan was floated will be adhered to.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—We are not having any discussion on that point but on Government's efforts in securing this loan. There is considerable doubt in the minds of the investing public that this loan is going to survive the date on which it is due to be redeemed. If it is a fact, then it is only natural that people would not like to invest money on the 4 per cent loan with income tax in preference to the 4 per cent free of income tax loan.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—In fact this point was present in my mind when I held the Press Conference and I categorically made a statement on that day and even now I made that statement.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Can the Finance Minister give an indication as to the amount subscribed so far, if it is within his knowledge?

***Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.**—Since the closing time has not come, it would not be right to make an interim statement. But I can take the House into my confidence to this extent that the loan has not been fully subscribed yet. To what extent it has been subscribed I have to get information from all over India, in fact. Therefore, Sir, I make an appeal to the Members of this House as also to people of Mysore and friends of Mysore to contribute to this loan and I am sure they will rise to the occasion.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—We do not want to keep the Government in any embarrassing position. You can be rest assured that so far as our part is concerned regarding the raising of this loan, you have our good-wishes and co-operation. Regarding other factors, I will take another occasion tomorrow to place my views. I am confident that somehow or other, the full amount of the